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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Monday, May 19, 2008
Town Hall – Meeting Hall

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Laurie Burstein, Peter Charter, Ann Harford, A. Leo Miller, James Prichard, Michael Stupinski and John Turner

OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Sanborn, President of Community Opportunities Group, Inc.; Atherton Ryan, Town Attorney; George Roberts, All American Waste; Dale Roberson, Debby Wallace, Gerry Gillung, Marcia Kupferschmid, Pinney House Preservation Committee; Attorney Joe Capossela, representing Deer Valley, LLC; Eric Santini, Jr., Deer Valley, LLC; Hugh Pearson, Moser Pilon Nelson Architects; Nicholas DiCorleto, Finance Officer; Peter Williams, Building Official; Bob Clements, Board of Finance Chair; Peter Welti, Permanent Building Committee Chair; Residents: Vince Gambacorta, Bob Sandberg, Mark Maciolek, Tim Fahy, Bryan Flint, Cliff Aucter, Jonathan Allen; Max Bakke, Journal Inquirer; Jessica Ciparelli, Reminder Press

PUBLIC HEARING: FY 2008 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant

First Selectman Stupinski opened the public hearing at 7:01 p.m. and read the **attached** legal notice.

Peter Sanborn briefly reviewed the Ellington Housing Rehabilitation Program, noting there is a need and demand to continue it. He reported that since 1995 the program has served more than 85 residents. Recently the Town was awarded a \$300,000 grant for housing rehabilitation. Mr. Sanborn suggested that the BOS adopt a policy on how to treat the program income which will enable the town to maintain a higher overall balance of program income. This item will be addressed during the BOS meeting.

Hearing no further comments, Mr. Stupinski closed this Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING: Pinney House Restoration Project

First Selectman Stupinski opened the public hearing at 7:30 p.m. and read the **attached** legal notice.

Debbie Wallace, 110 Main Street and member of the Pinney House Restoration Committee, distributed a fact sheet listing reasons to save the Pinney Homestead (**Attached**). She noted that the newly updated Plan of Conservation and Development recommends preserving Ellington's history.

Dale Roberson, Pinney House Restoration Committee Chair, reviewed the history associated with the Pinney House and its unique character. He strongly encouraged the BOS to move forward with the preservation project. Mr. Roberson is confident the Committee can raise funds if it is placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Bob Clements, 153 Mountain Street and Board of Finance Chair, expressed concern that the expense associated with this renovation project is overbearing. He called the project a big sink hole with no practical use at this time. He acknowledged that Mr. Pinney was a significant person of the community and suggested the Town erect a monument or model of the house on-site.

Gerry Gillung, 93 Burbank Road and member of the Pinney House Restoration Committee, referenced a phone call she had with Senator LeBeau in which he encouraged the Town to use the money from the STEAP grant to stabilize the Pinney House and then to try to raise money from private donations. He also indicated that if they can obtain National Register of Historic Places status, other funding may become available. Ms. Gillung stated that Mr. LeBeau has indicated that if the STEAP grant is not used for the Pinney House restoration, the process to restructure the money for another project is lengthy and difficult.

Vince Gambacorta, Jobs Hill Road, asked for clarification regarding that statement as it has been previously reported that the STEAP grant money can be used for other projects. Mr. Stupinski stated that Representative Ted Graziani confirmed with the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) that the STEAP grant awarded for the Pinney House Preservation may be reallocated to other projects, upon review by OPM.

Bob Sandberg, Egypt Road, suggested the Pinney House Restoration Project be sent to referendum for vote by the residents.

Mark Maciolek, 101 Main Street and member of the Conservation Commission, spoke in favor of preserving the Pinney House.

Ms. Wallace stated that Hugh Pearson, Moser Pilon Nelson Architects, has indicated that Phase I may be able to be completed with the remaining funds in the STEAP grant. Mr. Pearson cautioned the BOS that although the work can be done for less money than estimated, it means the quality of work will be compromised. For example, the Town can delay the first floor framing but not for too long. It will help slow the deterioration but will require constant maintenance. Mr. Pearson stated that doing the work outlined in the estimate is a better route as it solves the structural and moisture problem and halts deterioration.

Tim Fahy, 100 Main Street, suggested the Town go out to bid for the Phase I work.

Peter Welti, 257 Crystal Lake Road and member of the Permanent Building Committee, stated that doing less work than outlined in the estimate will provide a band-aid, whereas performing the work according to the study will stabilize the building. He also reminded the BOS that there are ongoing expenses with the completion of Phase I, i.e., oil for the furnace and electricity costs.

Ms. Harford asked if any of the lawn and garden work can be done using volunteers. Attorney Caposella stated that \$12,000 has been included in the budget for such work.

Mr. Miller stated that if the Town uses the Pinney House for commercial purposes, 18 parking spaces will be needed. Currently there are only four parking spaces. He asked Mr. Santini if there is enough land north of the building to set aside 14 additional parking spaces. Mr. Santini stated that he will consider using some existing spaces at the apartments but noted that he will have to work with the State Traffic Commission (STC) as these excess parking spaces were part of the STC permit.

Peter Williams, Mountainview Circle, was not in favor of spending money to stabilize the Pinney House as he felt there was nothing of value in the house. He was opposed to using taxpayer funds for any part of the project.

Marsha Kupferschmid, Snipsic Lake Road and member of the Pinney House Restoration Committee, stated that the Committee is looking into obtaining private funds for the project.

Bryan Flint, 4 Longview Street, asked the BOS to look at the long vision ahead and felt they will regret it if the Pinney House is torn down.

Cliff Aucter, Somers Road, stated that money may be available from outside sources.

Mr. Stupinski reviewed the current timeline and budget noting that the lease agreement requires the Town to make a determination to proceed to Phase I by May 25, 2008. According to the Initial Study Plan, \$691,149 is needed to complete Phase I which is approximately \$225,000 more than the remaining balance of the \$500,000 STEAP grant.

Attorney Capossela stated that this project began with a walk-through of the Pinney House in November 2003. Several proposals were discussed since then; however, Deer Valley, LLC (Santini) did not want to be involved in the restoration project. In 2006, they negotiated a 99-year lease agreement with the Town with the objective that the Town will take on the process to restore the structural integrity and external beautification of the Pinney House. In regard to placing the Pinney House on the Register of Historic Places, Attorney Capossela stated that Deer Valley, LLC is not interested as it has the potential of a negative impact if/when the building comes back to them.

Mr. Stupinski suggested asking the Board of Finance to appropriate \$225,000 to complete Phase I of the Pinney House Restoration Project as proposed in the March 24, 2008 report from Moser Pilon Nelson Architects, contingent upon the extension of the date for notification to proceed which will allow sufficient time for Town Meeting action on the proposed appropriation.

Mr. Santini urged the BOS to take a close look at the scope of work. He stated that there are a lot of unknown factors.

Mr. Roberson stated that he spoke to the Connecticut Historic Group and they have indicated that the Register of Historic Places designation can be removed. He suggested the Public Hearing be continued until all the facts are in.

Attorney Capossela stated that per the Lease Agreement, the BOS needs to make a decision by May 25, 2008. He indicated that Deer Valley is agreeable to a three-month extension to ensure funding is in place.

Jonathan Allen, 33 Dogwood, objects to using Town funds for the Pinney House Restoration Project.

Hearing no further comments, Mr. Stupinski closed this Public Hearing at 9:03 p.m.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

First Selectman Stupinski called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) to order at 9:13 p.m.

II. CITIZENS' FORUM:

No one came forward to speak.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**A. April 7, 2008 Special Town Meeting:**

MOVED (CHARTER), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 7, 2008.

B. April 7, 2008 Board of Selectmen Meeting:

MOVED (CHARTER), SECONDED (HARFORD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 7, 2008.

C. April 28, 2008 Board of Selectmen Meeting:

MOVED (CHARTER), SECONDED (TURNER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 28, 2008.

D. May 5, 2008 Board of Selectmen Meeting:

MOVED (CHARTER), SECONDED (HARFORD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2008.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**A. Pinney House Restoration Project – Permanent Building Committee Charge**

Attorney Ryan suggested the BOS make a motion to approve the three-month extension offered by Attorney Caposella during the Public Hearing, which will extend the time requirement for the Town to proceed with Phase I from May 25, 2008 to August 25, 2008.

MOVED (STUPINSKI), SECONDED (CHARTER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO AMEND THE PINNEY HOUSE COMMERCIAL LEASE BETWEEN DEER VALLEY, LLC AND THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON AS FOLLOWS: APPROVE A THREE (3) MONTH EXTENSION TO SECTION #10 – DEFAULT OR BREACH, SECTION I.

Mr. Stupinski stated that the Pinney House Preservation Committee needs to use the next three months to take a hard look at the cost estimates to see what can be done to meet the criteria of the lease, with the goal of not using taxpayer funds.

B. ADA – Hearing Impaired/Other Special Needs Residents

Mr. Stupinski referenced a letter from Ruth Walworth requesting that accommodations be made for the hearing impaired at Town meetings. Mr. Stupinski stated that more research is needed to determine how the Town can meet the needs of our hearing impaired residents.

Mr. Turner noted that when the air conditioner is running in the Meeting Hall it is difficult for people in the back of the room to hear the board members at the table. He asked if the Town has an amplifier system. Mr. Michaud responded yes.

C. Solid Waste Disposal – Award Bid

Attorney Ryan distributed a Trash Contract Analysis (**attached**) noting that the prices also include the collection of bulky waste and recyclables. As some BOS members were opposed to a ten-year contract, a five-year contract option was added with an option to renew for another five years with prices adjusted by CPI. He noted that the \$95 Trash Collection Fee is separate from the contract price and reminded the BOS that they set this fee as a portion of the cost for trash and bulky waste which does not include recyclables. Attorney Ryan stated that CRRA plans to launch a single-stream recycling program in the near future requiring residents to put all recyclables in a separate barrel which will be collected using the automated system.

Ms. Burstein left the meeting at this time.

Mr. Prichard stated that this proposal is the same as the last one except now the price is higher for the five year option.

Mr. Miller stated that he was not happy with the process and would have liked to see more proposals. He recently contacted a local vendor asking why they did not submit a proposal. The company indicated that they had missed the ad in the newspaper.

Mr. Stupinski stated that the people involved in preparing this contract have worked hard to present a proposal that is in the best interest of the Town and he expressed frustration that some members of this board are throwing away this expertise.

Ms. Harford stated that when she requested a five-year contract, she assumed it would be at the same price as the ten-year contract. Mr. Stupinski stated that the price differential represents amortization. Mr. Prichard questioned what the options are after the contract has ended. Attorney Ryan stated that the contract could be renegotiated or extended. Mr. Miller suggested tabling this item for another month and to put out a Request for Proposal using the data in the Trash Contract Analysis prepared by Attorney Ryan. Mr. Stupinski did not feel there was enough time to go back out for a Request for Proposal as the current contract expires on June 30, 2008.

Mr. Turner stated that the Town of Ellington has a very good trash collection program in place and it is in the best interest of the taxpayers to keep it in tact. He also suggested that the BOS make the public aware of the proposed recycling project.

Attorney Ryan stated that George Roberts, All American Waste, just contacted their headquarters and they have agreed to offer the five-year contract for automated collection at the 10-year price of \$11.52 per month per unit, with an option to renew at the same price for an additional five years. He noted that when automated recycling collection begins, trash will be picked up every week and recyclables will be picked up every other week.

MOVED (HARFORD), SECONDED (CHARTER) AND PASSED [AYE; HARFORD/ CHARTER/TURNER/PRICHARD; NAY: MILLER] TO AWARD THE CONTRACT TO ALL AMERICAN WASTE OF ENFIELD, CT FOR AUTOMATED TRASH COLLECTION FOR A FIVE (5) YEAR CONTRACT WITH A RENEWAL OPTION OF FIVE (5) YEARS AT \$11.52 PER MONTH PER UNIT WITH THE FIVE (5) YEAR OPTION ADJUSTED BY CPI/U, COMMENCING JULY 1, 2008 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2013.

MOVED (HARFORD), SECONDED (CHARTER) AND PASSED [AYE; HARFORD/ CHARTER/TURNER/PRICHARD; NAY: MILLER] TO AMEND THE ABOVE MOTION TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRST SELECTMAN TO EXECUTE THE TRASH COLLECTION AGREEMENT.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

The BOS went out of agenda sequence to item C.

C. 2008 Small Cities Grant Program:
1. Approval to Apply:

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (CHARTER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, Federal monies are available under the Connecticut Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program, administered by the State of Connecticut, Department of Economic and Community Development pursuant to Public Law 93 -3 83, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 127c, and Part VI of Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development is authorized to disburse such Federal monies to local municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Ellington make application to the State in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 in order to undertake a Small Cities Community Development Program and to execute an Assistance Agreement therefore, should one be offered,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for State Assistance imposed by Part VI of Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statutes; and,
2. That the filing of an application by the Town of Ellington in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 is hereby approved, and that the First Selectman is hereby authorized and directed to file such application with the Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required by the Commissioner, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an Agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Ellington.

3. That it adopts or has adopted as its policy to support the following nondiscrimination agreements and warranties provided in subsection (a)(1) of Connecticut General Statutes sections 4a-60 and 4a-60a, respectively, as amended by Public Act 07-142, and for which purposes the "contractor" is the Town of Ellington and "contract" is said Assistance Agreement:

The contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of the contract such contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, mental retardation or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by such contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or of the State of Connecticut. The contractor further agrees to take affirmative action to insure that applicants with job-related qualifications are employed and that employees are treated when employed without regard to their race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, mental retardation, or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by such contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved.

The contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of the contract such contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of sexual orientation, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or of the state of Connecticut, and that employees are treated when employed without regard to their sexual orientation.

2. Authorize the First Selectman to Sign Joint Community Agreements:

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (MILLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY THAT THE FIRST SELECTMAN IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE THE JOINT COMMUNITY APPLICATION COOPERATION AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON AND THE TOWN OF SOMERS, AND TO TAKE ALL OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY REGARDING JOINT PARTICIPATION IN THE ELLINGTON HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM (EHRP), TO BE FUNDED THROUGH A CONNECTICUT SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

3. Approval of Program Income Plan:

Mr. Sanborn reviewed the Program Income Plan and urged the BOS to adopt a policy to establish multiple revolving loan accounts so program income can be allocated for a variety of purposes. He explained that this will enable the Town to maintain a higher overall balance of program income without adversely affecting the ability to draw down grant funds.

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (MILLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE PROGRAM INCOME PLAN POLICY REVISION FOR THE CONNECTICUT SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM, AS PRESENTED AND RECOMMENDED BY PETER SANBORN, PRESIDENT, COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES GROUP. (ATTACHED)

4. Award Contract for Preparation of Application and Program Administration:

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (HARFORD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR THE 2008 SMALL CITIES GRANT APPLICATION PREPARATION AND PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION TO COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES GROUP, INC., BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, AS SPECIFIED IN THE FEE PROPOSAL DATED APRIL 25, 2008 AND CONTINGENT UPON THE GRANT BEING AWARDED. **(ATTACHED)**

A. Tax Refunds/Abatements:

MOVED (CHARTER), SECONDED (HARFORD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE TAX REFUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$46.96 AND TAX ABATEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,994.43, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR AND AS SPECIFIED IN THE REFUNDS/ABATEMENTS STATEMENT. **(ATTACHED)**

B. Annual Review - Parachute Activity at Ellington Airport:

MOVED (CHARTER), SECONDED (HARFORD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO RECOMMEND TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION THAT THE WAIVER TO PERMIT DELAYED PARACHUTE JUMPING AT ELLINGTON AIRPORT BE RENEWED FOR ONE YEAR.

D. Award Bid – Tanker/Surplus Hose and Fittings:

MOVED (CHARTER), SECONDED (MILLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO AWARD THE BID FOR THE SALE OF THE 1970 BROCKWAY/FARRAR FIRE TRUCK (TANKER) TO ROBERT SANDBERG, SR., 20 EGYPT ROAD, ELLINGTON, CT FOR THE PURCHASE AMOUNT OF \$16,201, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT. FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE SALE OF THE TANKER SHALL BE PLACED IN THE EVFD FIRE EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT.

MOVED (CHARTER), SECONDED (MILLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO AWARD THE BID FOR THE SALE OF SURPLUS HOSE AND FITTINGS TO THE GRANVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT, GRANVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS, FOR THE PURCHASE AMOUNT OF \$2,521.12, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT. FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE SALE OF THE FIRE HOSE/FITTINGS SHALL BE PLACED IN THE EVFD FIRE EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT.

E. Approval to Apply for \$11,000 OPM Grant – Crystal Lake Storm Water Drainage:

MOVED (CHARTER), SECONDED (MILLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Ellington approves submittal of a grant application to the Office of Policy and Management in the amount of \$11,000 for Crystal Lake Stormceptors and that Michael P. Stupinski, First Selectman, is authorized to sign the grant application and grant award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Ellington hereby adopts as its policy to support the nondiscrimination agreements and warranties required under Connecticut General Statutes §4a-60a(a)(1), as amended in State of Connecticut Public Act 07-245 and sections 9(a)(1) and 10(a)(1) of Public Act 07-142.

F. Middle Road Lease Agreement:

MOVED (CHARTER), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON AND BAHLER FARMS, INCORPORATED, TO LEASE 57 ACRES OF TOWN-OWNED LAND ON MIDDLE ROAD FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES. FURTHER, TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRST SELECTMAN TO SIGN THE LEASE AGREEMENT WHICH SHALL COMMENCE ON MAY 1, 2008 AND TERMINATE ON NOVEMBER 30, 2012.

G. Authorize Finance Officer to go out to bid for Fire/Ambulance Insurance:

MOVED (CHARTER), SECONDED (TURNER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO AUTHORIZE THE INSURANCE ADVISORY BOARD TO SOLICIT REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE FIRE/AMBULANCE INSURANCE.

Mr. Miller noted that the umbrella liability limits for the fire and ambulance insurance indicates it would be prudent to apply to all contractors hired by the Town, i.e., trash collection.

H. 401(A) – Amendment to Qualified Retirement Plan:

MOVED (CHARTER), SECONDED (HARFORD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Ellington amends the Town of Ellington Money Purchase Plan (the "Plan") to be effective this date. The Plan is amended to address the automatic rollover requirements under Section 401(a)(31)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code by setting the cash-out level for terminated participants at \$5,000 and that the form of distribution for all accounts of \$1,000 or less be paid in cash pursuant to Section 4.01(C)(1) of the Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the First Selectman and/or the Finance Officer of the Town of Ellington are authorized and directed to execute any and all documents and to do any and all acts that may be necessary in connection with the amendment of the Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the First Selectman and/or the Finance Officer of the Town of Ellington are authorized and directed to retain any service providers they believe necessary or desirable in connection with the amendment of the Plan.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: So noted.

VII. SELECTMEN COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Personnel Committee:

1. Resignations: None.

2. Appointments:

MOVED (MILLER), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT MAUREEN LOWE TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION TO JULY 31, 2010.

MOVED (MILLER), SECONDED (HARFORD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO THE APPOINT SHAWN KOEHLER TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY TO APRIL 30, 2012.

C. Other: None.

VIII. SELECTMEN LIAISON REPORTS:

Mr. Turner reported that the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department had an active month in April, noting in particular responses to several incidents out of town and a significant fire loss on Griswold Road.

IX. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT:

Mr. Stupinski stated that the Windermere Bridge completion date has been pushed back to 2009. The sewer line will be replaced this year and the demolition of the existing bridge and installation of new culverts are schedule for the 2009 construction season. This will avoid having a detour in place through a winter shutdown.

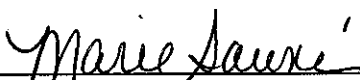
X. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION: For the purpose of discussing personnel appointment
Executive Session was cancelled.

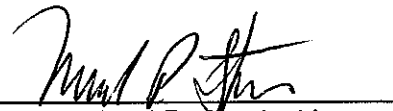
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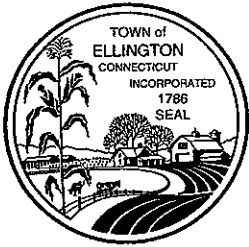
MOVED (CHARTER), SECONDED (HARFORD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AT 10:58 P.M.

Submitted by


Marie Sauve

Approved by


Michael P. Stupinski



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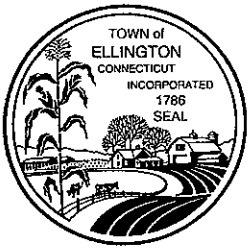
TOWN OF ELLINGTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Ellington will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 19, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss a proposed \$300,000 Federal FY 2008 Small Cities CDBG grant application to the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, to report on the progress of current and recent Small Cities CDBG grants, to discuss the proposed plan for expending Program Income and to discuss Ellington's community development and housing needs. Under the proposed FY08 grant, the following activity is currently being considered: funding to continue the town's regional housing rehabilitation program. The regional program will include the towns of Somers and, possibly, Suffield under a multi-jurisdictional grant, with Ellington as the lead community. The grant application may include this activity, as well as additional ones.

The hearing will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room (2nd Floor) of Town Hall. Any person or organization so wishing will be afforded an opportunity to be heard. Suggestions for other potential activities for the grant application may be made at the hearing, or before the hearing by contacting the Town's Community Development Office in Town Hall. The Town encourages a broad spectrum of participation by residents and other interested parties in order to better understand and serve the needs of the community. The hearing location is accessible to persons with physical disabilities. If you require a translator, an accommodation for a hearing impairment or other accommodation, contact the Selectmen's Office (T: 860-870-3100) or the Community Development Office (T: 860-870-3132) no later than Monday, May 12.

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Journal Inquirer: 5/2/08
5/14/08



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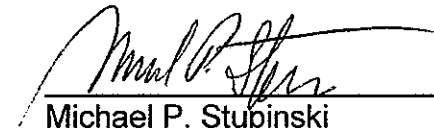
LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF ELLINGTON Monday, May 19, 2008

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 19, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time at the Town Hall Meeting Hall, 55 Main Street, Ellington, Connecticut, for the purpose of allowing citizens to comment upon the Pinney House Restoration Project.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

DATED at Ellington, Connecticut, this 23rd day of April, 2008.

BY ORDER OF THE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Michael P. Stupinski
First Selectman

Journal Inquirer – 5/12/08

PLEASE HELP SAVE THE PINNEY
HOMESTEAD
230 YEARS OF HISTORY



PUBLIC HEARING, MONDAY, MAY, 19, 2008 AT 7:30 p.m. TOWN HALL

WHY SAVE THE PINNEY HOMESTEAD?

- The Pinney House was completed in 1778 by Lieut. Eleazer Pinney, grandson of one of Ellington's first settlers, Samuel Pinney. Eleazer was a distinguished soldier in the Revolutionary War, engaged in the battles of Stillwater and Saratoga where he witnessed the surrender of Burgoyne. He was a representative to the legislature and a selectman for 14 years.
- An architectural gem, this house on Pinney Street is a **town landmark** with its outstanding five chimneys. It remained in the Pinney family for 177 years.
- It represents a large part of Ellington's earliest history and architectural heritage.
- **To lose this house would leave a large void in Ellington's character and legacy.**

TAKE PRIDE IN ELLINGTON'S HISTORY

Ad Hoc Committee to Preserve the Pinney House

Revised at BOS 5/19/08 meeting

TRASH CONTRACT ANALYSIS

Current Contractor—All American Waste, Enfield, CT—expires June 30, 2008

Proposed Contractor – All American Waste, Enfield, CT

Recommended by Director, DPW; Present Contractor

Uniform contract terms regardless of length of contract:

Prices include bulky waste pick-up

New trucks every 5 years

If automated pick-up, bins will be provided by AAW and owned by AAW

Prices are per unit or household or customer—presently 4,700 customers

Town pays for fuel at town cost—our pump—Saves \$25,704/yr

Annual price adjustment based on CPI-U

Price to collect recyclables only—no trash is \$4.00

Type Collection	5 yr contract Unit Cost	Annual Cost 4700 Units	10 yr contract Unit Cost	Annual Cost 4700 Units
Manual	\$12.52 /mo	\$706,128	\$12.52/mo	\$706,128
Automated	13.69 ^{11.52} /mo*	\$772,116	11.52/mo^	\$649,728
5 yr option with prices adjusted by CPI/U				
Manual	\$12.52/mo	\$706,128		
Automated	12.69 ^{11.52} /mo	\$715,716	+ CPI adjustments	

*If during contract town chooses to switch from manual to automated collection, then the length of the contract must be extended for 5 years from the date of changeover.

^If the choice is to initiate automated collection at the beginning of the contract, then this price would apply from day one even though it took some time to implement the automated system.

^If manual collection is chosen and then converted to automated during the time of the contract, then the length of the contract must be extended for 10 years from the date of changeover.

Trash collection = once a week
Recyclable " = twice a week

Recommended Revisions to Program Income Plan

As noted in the accompanying informational handout, the Town recaptures the financial assistance that it provided to housing rehabilitation program participants when a property is sold. The handout also described how the Town has used Program Income for a variety of purposes – from assisting additional residents through the housing rehabilitation program to making improvements at Snipsic Village.

According to the federal and state regulations that apply to the Small Cities grants, “recaptured” funds are classified as **Program Income** if the income the town receives exceeds \$25,000 in a twelve month period (July 1 - June 30). In turn, state and federal policies govern the use of Program Income. These policies also govern the amount of Program Income that a community can have on hand if it wants to access direct grant funds. (Program Income normally needs to be spent down below \$50,000 in order to draw on grant funds.)

As part of its grant application process, the Town is required to develop a Program Income (Re-use) Plan, which lays out how it intends to use Program Income that may become available. The Town is virtually assured that DECD will approve a Program Income Plan that commits its use to extending the benefits of the housing rehabilitation program. Other uses, such as the work done at Snipsic Village, require additional scrutiny and review by DECD.

Because the Town receives Program Income on an unpredictable basis, it can affect its ability to draw funds from existing grants and also result in the grant performance period being extended.

The Community Development Office believes that revising its existing Program Income Plan will be beneficial to the Town, so that future Program Income can be allocated for a variety of purposes, including multiple revolving loan funds for discreet, specified purposes. The Community Development Office recommends that that they Board of Selectmen adopt a change to its Program Income Plan, whereby it establishes multiple revolving loan accounts for designated purposes, in addition to an undesignated fund. This will enable the Town to maintain a higher overall balance of Program Income without adversely affecting the ability to draw down grant funds.

We request *that the Board of Selectmen approve* this policy revision that establishes multiple revolving loan accounts (in addition to the undesignated fund). Upon the Board’s approval, we will draft a Program Income Plan for the First Selectmen’s review that comports to this policy.



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Fee Proposal for

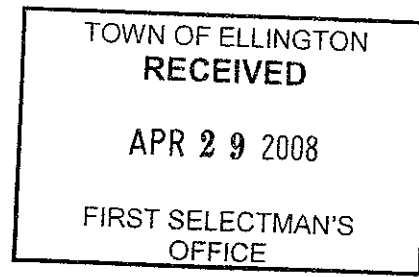
Application Preparation and Program Administration

for

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FEE

Community Opportunities Group, Inc. will prepare the Small Cities grant application for a fee of Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$5,000.00) for a multi-jurisdictional grant application including the towns of Suffield and/or Somers. Application preparation fees in the amount of \$3,000 are recoverable from the grant budget if funding is received. *There are funds available from Program Income and/or Miscellaneous Income to cover the fee, so there should be no direct cost to the Town.* ↙

In addition to the fee for services directly related to preparing the grant application, we will complete the application's environmental review requirements for an additional fee of Two Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$2,000.00). It is our understanding that this work is an allowable "pre-agreement" cost that is refundable from the grant if funded.

In addition to the professional services fee, reimbursable expenses will be billed at 1.15 actual cost, and include, but are not limited to: travel (mileage @ \$.45/mile, tolls and parking), supplies, copying, postage, photo processing, and advertising (such as in the event that we directly incur public hearing notice advertisements). We do not bill travel expenses between our Boston office and the town. Direct expenses will not exceed \$700.00 per application without prior authorization of the Town.

If the application is funded, compensation for implementation of the grant activities will be negotiated after the specific grant activities, budget and a scope of services have been determined. All proposed fees will be in accordance with DECD's regulations. We propose that the compensation will be made on a fixed fee basis, according to a payment schedule that combines milestone payments and monthly management fees.

Similarly, compensation for programming and implementation of the activities funded from Program Income will be negotiated after the specific grant activities have been determined.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REFUNDS/ABATEMENTS						V-A
	MAY 2008					
DOLLAR AMOUNT	PERSON/CORPORATION REFUNDS	MV/PERS PROP REAL ESTATE	YEAR	TAX/ASSESSOR REQUESTING DEPT.	REASON FOR	
\$40.20	HALL, GAIL D	MOTOR VEHICLE	06	ASSESSOR	BAA-MILEAGE	
\$6.76	WANG, JINLIANG	MOTOR VEHICLE	06	ASSESSOR	BAA-MILEAGE	
\$46.96	MAY REFUND TOTAL					
	ABATEMENTS					
\$92.05	CARLSON, SUSAN C	MOTOR VEHICLE	04-05	TAX DEPARTMENT	BANKRUPTCY DISCHARGE	
\$1,396.07	COOK, DOREEN (AKA BYCHOLSKI, DOREEN)	MOTOR VEHICLE	00-02	TAX DEPARTMENT	BANKRUPTCY DISCHARGE	
\$696.78	FISCHER, SUSAN P	MOTOR VEHICLE	04-05	TAX DEPARTMENT	BANKRUPTCY DISCHARGE	
\$917.92	JORDAN, ROBERT L	MOTOR VEHICLE	02-03	TAX DEPARTMENT	BANKRUPTCY DISCHARGE	
\$237.42	LESOVECK II, CHARLES A	MOTOR VEHICLE	01	TAX DEPARTMENT	BANKRUPTCY DISCHARGE	
\$160.75	MARTZ, DEBBIE K	MOTOR VEHICLE	94-95	TAX DEPARTMENT	BANKRUPTCY DISCHARGE	
\$277.57	MCCARTHY, ROCHELLE N	MOTOR VEHICLE	05	TAX DEPARTMENT	BANKRUPTCY DISCHARGE	
\$175.21	MOZZER, JANICE	MOTOR VEHICLE	02	TAX DEPARTMENT	BANKRUPTCY DISCHARGE	
\$40.66	PAQUETTE, DANIEL M	MOTOR VEHICLE	04	TAX DEPARTMENT	BANKRUPTCY DISCHARGE	
\$3,994.43	MAY ABATEMENT TOTAL					
\$4,041.39	MAY 2008 REFUND AND ABATEMENT TOTAL					